

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please find below a listing of all pending claims. The statuses of the claims are set forth in parentheses. For those currently amended claims, underlined emphasis indicates insertions and ~~strikethrough~~ emphasis (and/or double brackets) indicates deletions.

1. (Previously Canceled)

2. (Previously Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The video selection server according to claim [[9]]~~8~~, wherein the received video stream was multicast on the first network.

4. (Previously Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The video selection server according to claim [[9]]~~8~~, wherein the received video stream was unicast via the first network.

6. (Currently Amended) The video selection server according to claim [[9]]~~8~~, wherein the information analysis unit analyzes a transmission protocol of the separated video streams.

7. (Previously Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The video selection server according to claim 9, wherein: A video selection server for selectively relaying video information, comprising:~~

a receiving unit to receive a video stream containing a plurality of videos delivered via a first network and separate the received video stream into a plurality

of video streams corresponding to the respective videos;

[[the]]an information analysis unit to analyze[[s]] video contents scene description content of meta-data of the separated video streams based on scene description content of meta-data if the when an encoding scheme of the video stream is MPEG7; [[and]]

[[the]]a decision unit to determine whether or not a result of analysis by the information analysis unit fulfills a criterion related to video contents indicated in a request from a client on a second network and to judge whether to permit delivery of the separated video streams to the client when the scene description content permits the delivery if the video contents of the separated video streams [[are]] is previously set as deliverable contents under the criterion; and

a transmitting unit to transmit, to the client, the separated video streams of which the delivery to the client has been permitted by the decision unit.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A video delivery system for delivering a video stream, comprising:

an encoder to encode captured video to obtain a video stream containing a plurality of videos ~~of different image qualities~~ and deliver the video stream via a first network; and

a video selection server to receive the video stream delivered via the first network, separate the received video stream into a plurality of video streams corresponding to the respective videos, analyze ~~image qualities~~ scene description content of meta-data of the separated video streams when an encoding scheme of the video stream is MPEG7, determine whether or not a result of the analysis fulfills a criterion related to a permitted image quality indicated in a request from a client on a second network, judge whether to permit delivery of the separated video streams to the client when the scene description content of the separated video

streams is previously set as deliverable contents under the criterion, and transmit, to the client, the separated video streams of which the delivery to the client has been permitted.

11. (Original) The video delivery system according to claim 10, wherein the video selection server has a multi-stage configuration such that the video stream transmitted from a preceding-stage video selection server is delivered to a succeeding-stage video selection server.

12. (Original) The video delivery system according to claim 11, wherein the succeeding-stage video selection server includes a plurality of video selection servers connected to the preceding-stage video selection server.

13. (Currently Amended) A video selection method for selectively relaying video information, the method comprising:

receiving a video stream containing a plurality of videos ~~of different image qualities~~ delivered via a first network;

separating the received video stream into a plurality of video streams corresponding to the respective videos;

analyzing ~~at least an encoding scheme~~ scene description content of meta-data of the separated video streams when an encoding scheme of the video stream is MPEG7;

determining whether or not a result of the analysis fulfills a criterion related to a permitted image quality indicated in a request from a client on a second network, to judge whether to permit delivery of the separated video streams to the client when the scene description content of the separated video streams is previously set as deliverable contents under the criterion; and

transmitting, to the client, the separated video streams of which the delivery to the second network has been permitted.

14. (Previously Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium recording a video selection program, which when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform a method, the method comprising:

receiving a video stream containing a plurality of videos of different image qualities delivered via a first network;

separating the received video stream into a plurality of video streams corresponding to the respective videos;

analyzing at least an encoding scheme scene description content of meta-data of the separated video streams when an encoding scheme of the video stream is MPEG7;

determining whether or not a result of the analysis fulfills a criterion related to a permitted image quality indicated in a request from a client on a second network, to judge whether to permit delivery of the separated video streams to the client when the scene description content of the separated video streams are previously set as deliverable contents under the criterion; and

transmitting, to the client, the separated video streams of which the delivery to the second network has been permitted.